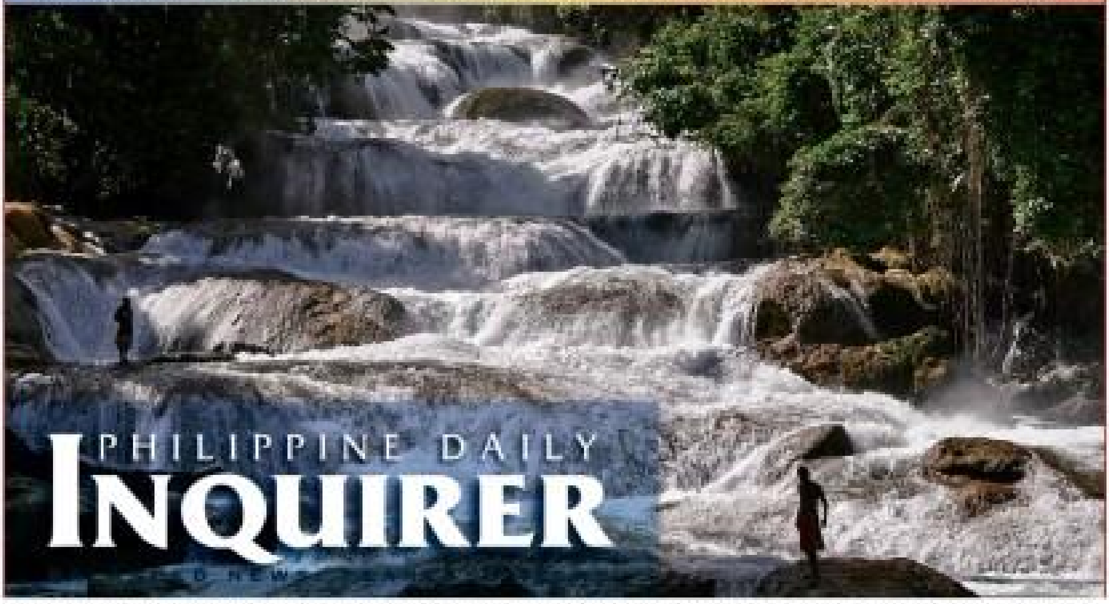
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WATERFALL WONDER A power crisis seems to be remotely felt in this once secluded corner of Mindanao. An overload of at least 84 waterfalls cascading through a forested area is found at the Aliwagwag Falls in Cateel town in Davao Oriental.

# P-Noy power stand dismays local leaders

## Groups say crisis caused by gov't sale of barges

By Germelina Lacorte Inquirer Mindanao and Jocelyn R. Uy in Manila

CONSUMERS and business and political leaders in Mindanao are disappointed with President Aquino's response to the power crisis on the island, saying the privatization of power barges was the root cause of their woes.

Two Catholic bishops on the island were neither pleased with Mr. Aquino's statement that Mindanao would have to shoulder higher power costs as part of the solution to the island's electricity-supply problem.

"If only the government has not sold the power barges to Therma Marine Inc. (TMI), there would have been no short-

P-NOY / A19

**Energy chief still looking for right power mix** / A19



POWER SOURCE This 42.5-MW power plant along the Sibulan River in Davao del Sur supplies the energy needs of Davao City and Panabo City in Davao del Norte.

## Tap Asean vs Chinese intrusion, gov't urged

By Michael Lim Ubac, Jerry E. Esplanada and Dona Z. Pazzibugan

SEN. JOKER ARROYO yesterday urged the Aquino administration to mobilize support of its Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) allies against Chinese intrusion, saying US silence on the Scarborough Shoal standoff indicated lack of interest in the Philippine problem.

In an interview on dzBB radio, Arroyo said it was high time the Philippines saw Asean, of which the country is a founding member, as the main battleground to resolve diplomatically conflicting territorial claims in the South China Sea, which Manila calls West Philippine Sea.

Arroyo was wary that the

TAP ASEAN / A19

**'Balikatan' exercises kick off today** / A13

## Tawi-Tawi woos tourists—cautiously

TAWI-TAWI, a remote island province, has white sandy beaches and stunning views, but selling it as a tourist destination has proved challenging for Philippine officials.

The island's pristine waters, prehistoric caves and mountain lookouts, it turns out, lie in the vicinity of fierce battles between rebel groups and the Philippine military.

Kidnappings are a recurring problem on Tawi-Tawi, and clan warfare, beheadings and roadside bombs are all too common on the

TAWI-TAWI / A19

## Palace expects Aquino-Binay split

By Christine O. Avendaño and Gil C. Cabacungan

IT MAY BE true that Vice President Jejomar Binay really supports President Aquino and that the President finds Binay really cool as his No. 2.

But that is today. They have been serving barely two years and there is nothing to gain each other about in running the state.

Give it some time, though, and the two will go separate ways. That's in the stars.

Deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte explained the "inevitable" split in an interview on dzBB radio yesterday.

Valte pointed out that the President and the Vice President belong to different political parties with different platforms of government.

As such, they differ in their

PALACE / A6

**Roxas says he won't run for president in 2016** / A2

## Gov't must not ignore questions of grassroots

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

DAVAO CITY—On Friday, President Aquino came down to Mindanao, which is plagued by rolling brownouts, all but aimed a shotgun on the head of the people of the island, and announced that the era of cheap electricity was over for them.

He told an energy summit convened to find solutions to the power shortage that has threatened to paralyze the economy of the resource-rich

GOV'T / A17




## *Obama guards linked to sex scandal*

CARTAGENA, Colombia—An embarrassing scandal involving prostitutes and Secret Service agents deepened on Saturday as 11 agents were placed on leave, and threatened to eclipse President Barack Obama's charm offensive in Latin America.

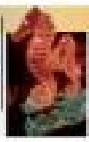
The controversy also expanded to the US military, which announced five service members staying at the same hotel as the agents may have been involved in misconduct as well. They were confined to their quarters.

Ronald Kessler, author of a book on the Secret Service, told CNN the scandal erupted when one of the agents "did not pay one of the prostitutes, and she

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WEATHER FORECAST

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# That's Maceda's opinion, says Binay




By Jerry E. Esplanada

HE'S ON his own.

The Office of the Vice President said it had nothing to do with former Sen. Ernesto Maceda's assertion that "a vote to acquit Chief Justice Renato Corona is a vote of support for Jejomar Binay in the 2016 presidential election."

### Binay, Estrada mad

### 7 for, 5 against




# Mar: No plans to run in '16

ROXAS CITY—Transportation Secretary Mar Roxas, president of the ruling Liberal Party, said over the weekend he had no plans of running for president in 2016.

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# Despite need, Palace won't drop envoy-nominee

## PH chicken soon on Korean tables



## Security up for seaweed, fish production





# Radioactive-Particle seed implantation, an effective "missile" in destroying tumors.



# Embassies in Afghan capital attacked; 2 die

# Palace sees eventual Aquino-Binay split

### Too early

### Alliance efforts

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# Finally, OFW killed in Syria is home



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# Labor exporting, receiving countries' execs set meet

TOP LABOR officials from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) led by the United Arab Emirates, as well as those from labor-exporting countries within Asia, will meet in Manila on April 17-19 for the second Abu Dhabi Dialogue to discuss regional contractual labor collaboration.

The dialogue, at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza hotel, will have for its theme: "Optimizing Regional Cooperation Towards Enhanced Management of Temporary Contract Employment Cycle in Asia."

Speakers at the conference, which will adopt The Manila Communiqué, outlining the Framework of Regional Collaboration and the Operating Modalities of the Abu Dhabi Dialogue, include Philippine Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz, Labor Minister Saqr Ghobash Saeed Ghobash and Labor Undersecretary Mubarak Al Dhaheri, both of the UAE, and Expatriates Welfare and Employment Secretary Zafar Ahmed Khan of Bangladesh.

The keynote address will be delivered by President Aquino on April 18.

To be represented at the conference are 11 countries from which migrant workers originate and nine destination countries.

## The Daily Gospel

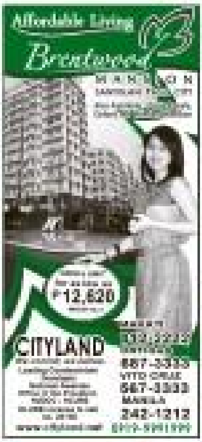
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2nd Week of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 4:23-31

Gospel: John 3:1-8

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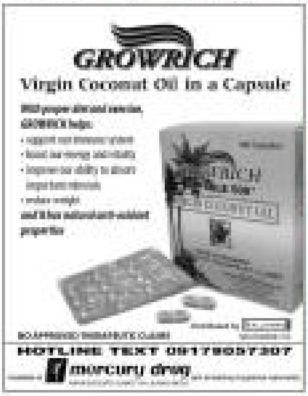




















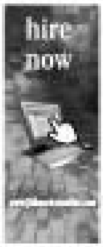




# Postmaster, others charged over computer, Internet deal

# Lawyer seeks early voting for reporters

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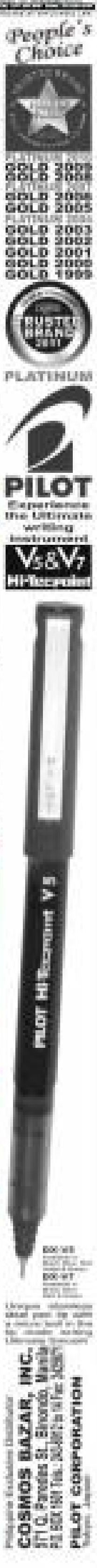

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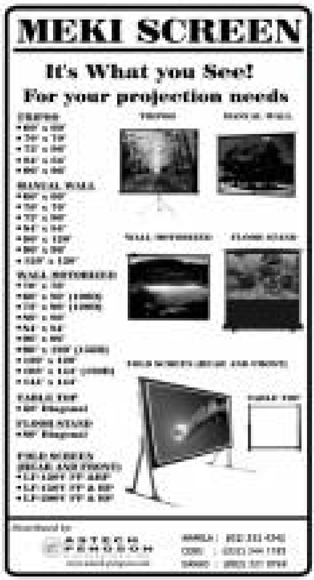



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## Is DOJ preempting Comelec on Abalos case?

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## Hauntings

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Conrado de Quiros

# Impeachment as demonizing

**Sounding Board**

*Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.*



# Araw ng Kagitingan

**Reveille**

*Ramon J. Farolan*



# Light for Mindanao

**Kris-Crossing Mindanao**

*Dr. Antonio J. Montalvan II*



Every other year or so, government goes through the motions of addressing the same problem

# P-Noy and international law

**Commentary**

*H. Harry L. Roque Jr*









# Emergency powers for PH

LETTERS




P-NOY with Energy Secretary Jose Rene Almendras at last April 13's Mindanao Power Summit.

## Proportionate pension revived

## MMDA's drive vs illegal billboards

## Emiable end to Colombia's rebellion



# Obama security agents linked to sex scandal

"Shame on the gringos"

Prostitute unpaid

Drinking heavily

Obama avoids subject

# Gov't must not ignore questions of grassroots

Women's commission

Gov't solutions








# 'Balikatan' kicks off today

### Shoal standoff

# Tap Asean vs Chinese intrusion, gov't urged

### 'We're like orphans'

### China not helpful

# Energy chief still looking for right power mix



ALMENDRAS

# P-Noy power stand dismays local leaders

#### 'Fabricated' shortfall

#### Hydro not sustainable



# Tawi-Tawi woos tourists—cautiously



# Across the NATION

## Spinner dolphin found by Ormoc fisherman dies

# Ebdane hit for small mining permits



## Pangasinan celebrates founding day with focus on heritage

HOMETOWN Snapshot

OLONGAPO CITY—A mining firm has assailed Zambales Gov. Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. for allegedly allowing small-scale mining firms in the province to gather and export the firm's chromite stockpile in Masinloc, Zambales.

### Cease-and-desist order

# Baguio diocese stops Sunday Masses, religious rites at mall



# Solar power no crisis solution, say economists



SHADES OF BLUE

## Ayala Land to focus on other projects in Negros Occ.

# Court orders arrest of Iloilo editor, columnist

## 11 LGUs yet to comply with policy on disclosure

## 2 NPA rebels killed in clash; another held in Laguna



## Half a million bulbs light up Capiz festival

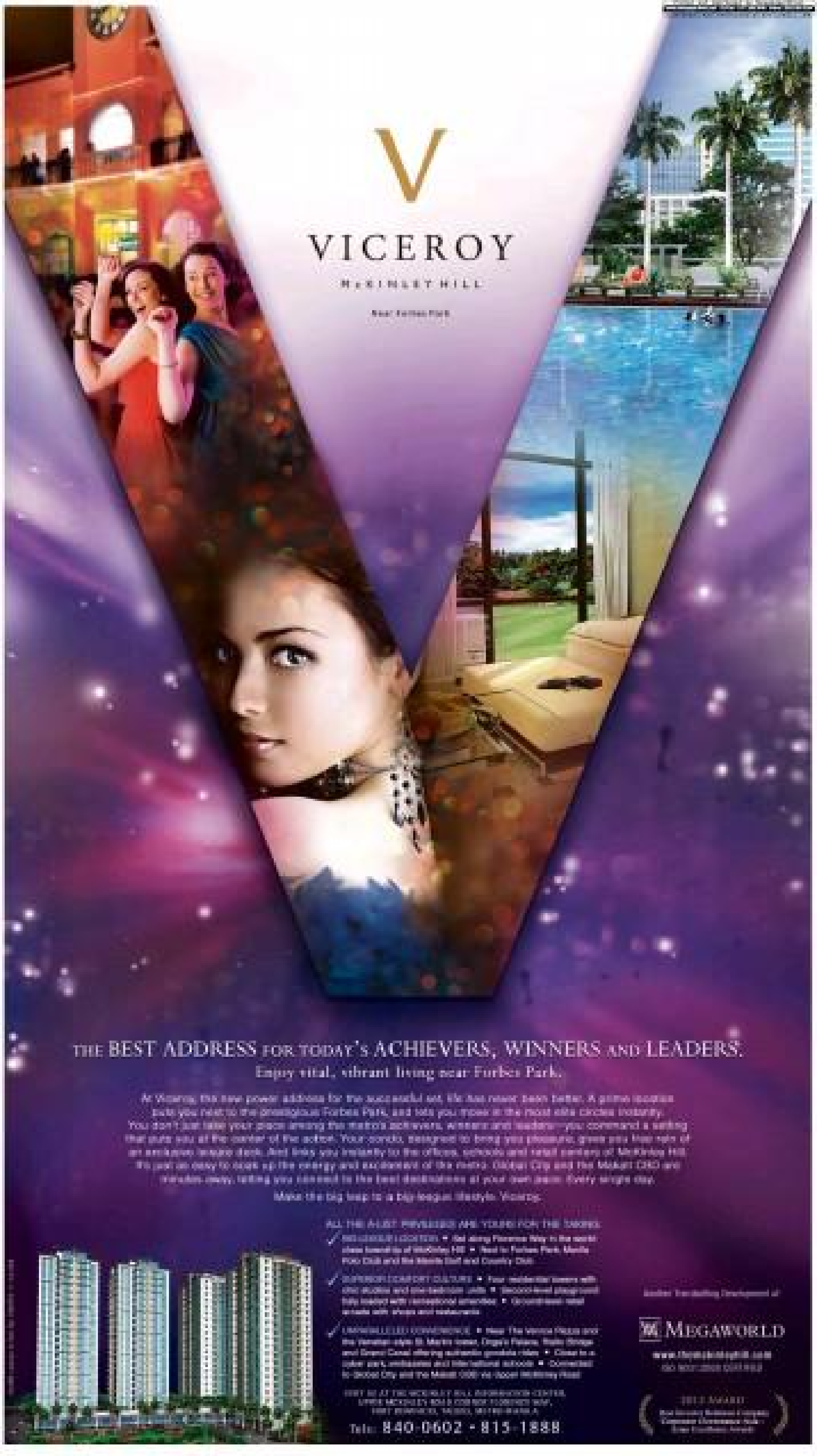
# NCIP, BCDA firm agree to keep genuine ancestral lands in Camp John Hay

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# Ginebra hangs on, turns back B-Meg



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## METROBRIEFS

### Fire destroys spa in Pasay City





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# Bungling thieves trip alarm in pawnshop

By Nancy C. Carvajal

## Ronald Pineda & The Fashion of Tech



# Aussie gov't, Taguig team up to make city safe





WEATHER EXTREMES

## DID YOU KNOW

## Fire destroys...

# Valenzuela cleans up waterways

# Bungling thieves trip alarm...





## 'Ad operators must pay road user's tax'

# 'Suicide by economic crisis' in Europe rising

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## WorldBriefs

### Kim Jong-un, in new position, promotes 70 military officers

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### Leading presidential contenders disqualified in Egypt

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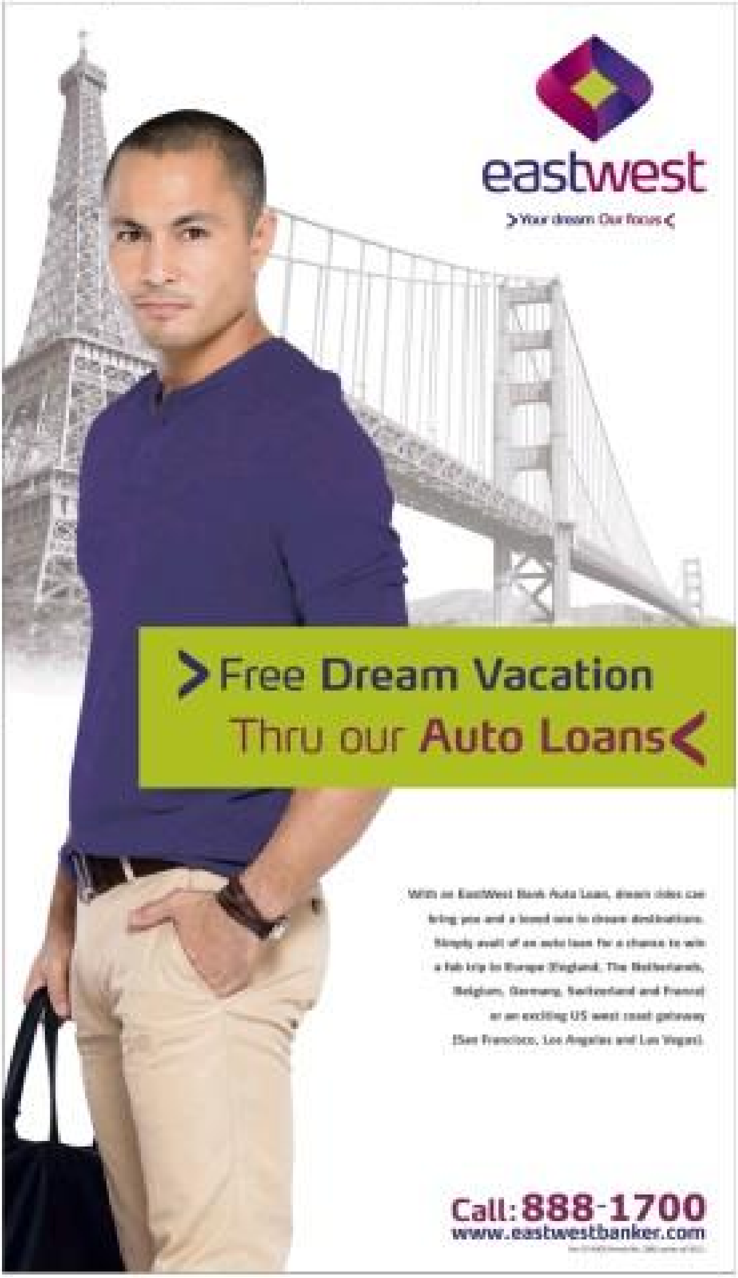
### Nato sees flaws in air campaign against Gadhafi

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*New York Times News Service*

### Obama says legalization not the answer on drugs

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# The WORLD




# Taliban storm Pakistan prison, free 400




DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan—Islamist militants stormed a prison in Pakistan in the dead of night on Sunday and freed nearly 400 inmates, including one on death row for trying to assassinate former President Pervez Musharraf, police officials said.

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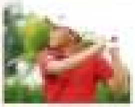


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# SPORTS

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# Quirimit tops 2nd stage; Scholz new frontrunner

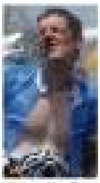



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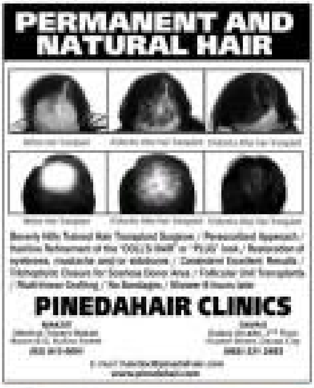
FILIPINO Arnel Quirimit punches the air in delight as he wins yesterday's Stage 2 of Le Tour de Filipinas in Cauayan, Isabela.

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GERMAN Timo Scholz takes a refreshing shower at the end of the race.








WORLD MEDALISTS

# Young Filipino jins bag 3 bronzes

# Global eleven pips Navy

## Regains UFL lead

By Cedelf P. Tupas



# Formidable Lady Eagles eye Shakey's VL title repeat

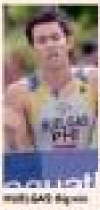
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## 2012 Le Tour de Filipinas—Stage 2 Results

TRI UNITED TRIATHLON

# Huelgas produces wire-to-wire romp

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## How the West will be won

ONE GAME AT A TIME

Sev Sarmenta



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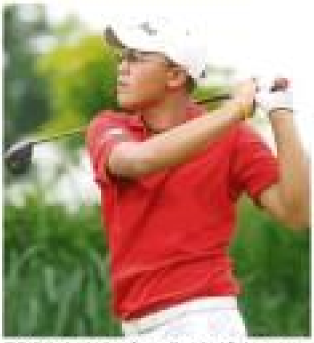
### 'Sagupaan' gets going at Pasay

### RGBA 'Bullang-Bullang' elims on

### Milo Checkmate classes fire off

# Abdon, Ardina nail it

## Overwhelm rivals with similar 4&3 victories



# Huey, UK partner lose in US clay court final



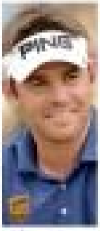
# Dolinguez seeks decisive victory versus Ramirez

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## Lascuña ties for 20th; Oosthuizen wins

KUALA LUMPUR—Antonio Lascuña ...



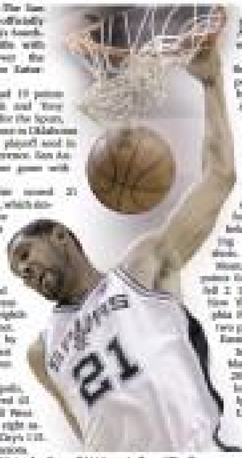
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Asian Tour News, Reuters



# Spurs lock up S'west crown

SAN ANTONIO—The San Antonio Spurs officially clinched the NBA's Southwest Division title ...

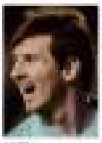


SAN Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan scores against the Phoenix Suns during the second quarter of their match.

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## Messi equals Ronaldo mark

MADRID—Barcelona forward Lionel Messi ...



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## Mercedes drivers take pole position

SHANGHAI—Nico Rosberg and Michael Schumacher gave Mercedes the front row for the Chinese Grand Prix ...

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# BUSINESS



# SMC sells 60% of Bank of Commerce

## Malaysian group to pay up to $250M for stake

SAN MIGUEL Corp. has finalized a deal to sell a controlling stake in medium-sized lender Bank of Commerce to Malaysian banking giant CIMB Group for more than $200 million.

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### Stocks seen to consolidate

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## Foreign equity discussions

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## MSCI guessing game

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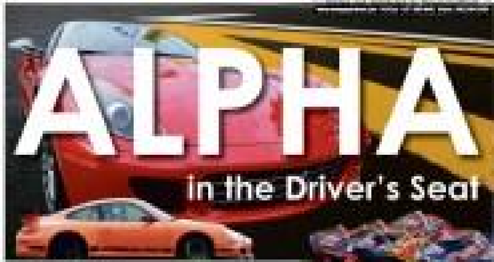
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# ABS-CBN increases capex to ₱5B in 2012







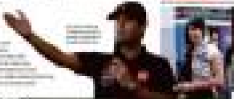
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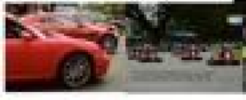
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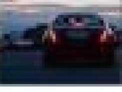














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In memory of our beloved mother

## ANGELINA CALDERON SAMONTE



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Sisters:

Relatives and Friends

request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state in Orlando, Florida, USA.

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## DR. DOMINGO CLARON YU

of Calabanga, Camarines Sur
UST Class '61
Former President, Camarines Sur II Electric Cooperative

*Died in the Grace of our Lord on April 9, 2012 at Mother Seton Hospital at the age of 76*

His bereaved wife, **Mayor Evelyn Santiago Yu**; children **Ma. Teresa** and **Joseph McCabe**, **Alexander** and **Francis Rossina**; **Cynthia**; grandchildren **Czarvyn**, **Dominic**, **Angelina**, **Elizabeth Ann** request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in their residence at San Vicente, Calabanga, Camarines Sur.

Interment will be on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 after the 2:00 p.m. Holy Mass at Parroquia dela Immaculada Concepcion, Quipayo, Calabanga, Camarines Sur.

"Come and let us return to the Lord; for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up." - Hosea 6:1

In Loving Memory
Seventh Death Anniversary of

## FELICULA C. GATMAITAN

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Holy Masses will be offered today, April 16, 2012 at

6:00 AM. St. Francis Church, [illegible], Mandaluyong City
6:00 PM. Santuario de San Antonio, McKinley Road, Forbes Park, Makati City

In Loving Memory
On the 1st Death Anniversary of

## ADORADA 'NENA' ZALDIVAR DICHUPA

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Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

## Atty. Telesforo S. Cedo

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# MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT - PHILIPPINES

*Uplifting Lives of Filipinos through Economic Growth*

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

**Republic of the Philippines**

**IFB/SNRDP/CP3/[illegible]**
**Millennium Challenge Account-Philippines**
**Secondary National Roads Development Project (SNRDP)**
**Contract Package CP3**

**11th April 2012**

Dear Madam/Sir:

The Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines have entered into a Millennium Challenge Compact for Millennium Challenge Account assistance to help facilitate poverty reduction through economic growth in the Philippines (the "Compact") in the amount of approximately **434 Million USD** ("MCC Funding"). The Government, acting through the Millennium Challenge Account – Philippines (the "Employer"), intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of MCC Funding to eligible payments under a Contract associated with this Invitation for Bids ("IFB"). Payments by the Employer will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions, including restrictions on the use of MCC Funding, of the Compact. No party other than the Government and the Employer shall derive any rights from the Compact or have any claim to the proceeds of MCC Funding.

The Compact Program which would be implemented over a 5-year period includes projects that would reduce poverty through economic growth, among others, the **Secondary National Roads Development Project (SNRDP)**.

The SNRDP Road Project involves the construction/rehabilitation of existing roads and bridges that includes road widening, pavement strengthening, improved drainage and traffic calming measures. The project will incorporate enhanced safety measures in the final road designs including paved shoulders, construction of sidewalks and curbs where pedestrian activity is higher, improved road marking, installation of road furniture and the creation of a 'buffer zone' through populated areas.

SNRDP Road Project will be undertaken under the following four (4) contracts located in Region 8 of the Philippines, Samar and Eastern Samar Provinces:

- **CP1**: Contract Package CP1: "Road Rehabilitation, Buray Junction to Barangay Taost (16.3 kms); Municipality of Paranas.
- **CP2**: Contract Package CP2: "Road Rehabilitation, Barangay Taost to San Julian/Sulat Municipal Boundary (63.8 kms).
- **CP3**: Contract Package CP3: "Road Rehabilitation, San Julian/Sulat Municipal Boundary to Balangkayan/Llorente Municipal Boundary (64.8 kms).
- **CP4**: Contract Package CP4: "Road Rehabilitation, Balangkayan/Llorente Municipal Boundary to Guiuan (79.5 kms).

The Employer now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the execution and completion of **Contract Package CP3**, which is being offered as a unit price contract based on the Bill of Quantities. The contract duration is 1,095 days. The anticipated commencement date of the contract is 10th August 2012.

The Bidding Documents will be provided to Bidders in electronic format at no cost. Bidders must request the bidding documents by sending an e-mail to the address indicated below, stating whether they prefer to pick up a CD/DVD copy or to download it from a web link that shall be provided to them:

**Millennium Challenge Account – Philippines**
c/o: **Procurement Agent**
Attention: Procurement Agent Manager / Procurement Director
Email: **procurementagent@philippines.[illegible].com**

A firm will be selected under the Competitive Bidding procedures described in this Invitation for Bids. Bidders are advised that these procedures are governed by the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines (see: **http://www.mcc.gov/pages/business/guidelines**). Although these procedures are similar to those set out in the World Bank Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, there are several significant differences and firms are advised to review these instructions carefully.

Please note that a Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **09 May 2012 at 10:00 Hours**, Philippine Time / GMT +8 at the Millennium Challenge Account – Philippines, Board Room, 2nd Floor Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) Building, San Miguel Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines.

The deadline for the submission of bids is on 15 June 2012 at 10:00 Hours Philippine Time / GMT + 8.

Bids shall be submitted to the following address:

**Millennium Challenge Account – Philippines**
**Procurement Agent Office**
2nd Floor, Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) Building
San Miguel Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City 1600, Philippines

The Bids will be opened on **15 June 2012 at 10:00 Hours Philippine Time / GMT + 8**.

All Bids must be accompanied by a security in the form and amount specified in the Bidding Documents. Bidders should be aware that distance and customs formalities may require longer than expected delivery time. **Late Bids will be rejected and returned unopened.**

Yours sincerely,

**For MCA-Philippines:**
(Original signed)

Eleonora E. Tan
Deputy Managing Director, Finance and Administration,
MCA—Philippines

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS

# LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

East Avenue, Quezon City
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# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The Land Transportation Office (LTO) is requesting for information on the latest technology available on the Motor Vehicle Inspection System (MVIS).

The LTO intends to implement a stringent automated inspection process allowing an expedient transfer of information to and from the LTO database that would enhance motor vehicle road worthiness in the Philippines.

The response should state a detailed specification of the proposed MVIS with a lay out of the center. In turn, the MVIS must be a completely automated and comprehensive inspection process for all types of motor vehicles, including emission testing. The system shall also include a motor vehicle and/or plate recognition feature.

The LTO aims to implement the new MVIS on National Capital Region in the year 2013 and the rest of the country by the year 2014.

The response to this RFI must also include the estimated cost and time for the construction of the MVIS.

There shall be a scheduled conference on May 10, 2012 at LTO Bulwagang Romeo F. Edu, 2nd floor LTO Central Office, East Avenue, Quezon City, 1:30 p.m. where clarificatory questions may be asked by the interested parties.

Please submit response to this RFI to the Office of the LTO Executive Director at East Avenue, Quezon City on or before 31 May 2012.

# People, Events & Products

E-mail: supplements@inquirer.com.ph
Supplements Head: Jong Arcano

## BPI wins the Asset Triple A Awards

THE ASSET, Asia's leading issuer and investor-focused financial monthly publication, voted the Bank of the Philippine Islands as the Best E-Solutions Partner Bank in the Philippines and Best MNC/Large Corporate Bank in the Philippines at The Asset Triple A Transaction Banking Awards 2012.

Though the Bank did not specifically pitch for Best E-solutions Bank, The Asset was impressed by BPI's ExpressLink platform. In addition to being the choice for the MNCs and large corporates, the Asset cited that the inroads made into the SME segment on the basis of BPI's electronic offerings are very unique and innovative. They also cited ExpressLink Mobile as a very significant milestone for CFOs making decisions on-the-go. The awards were accepted by [illegible], BPI vice president and Cash Management head.

The Asset Triple A Awards are Asia's defining recognition for excellence in the industry. Into their second decade, the perception and appreciation of The Triple As has gone from strength to strength. This reputation has been built upon the stringent methodology, combined with the rigorous approach in the selection of the winners of the coveted Triple A. The awards are adjudicated by The Asset's Board of Editors who collectively have several decades worth of evaluating industry awards in Asia.



## Search for Entrepreneur of the Year

THE SGV Foundation launched the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Philippines 2012 program recently on the ABS-CBN News Channel (ANC) cable television show Mornings@ANC.

Nominations to the award will now be accepted until May 31.

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STANDING from left: [illegible] Entrepreneur Of The Year [illegible] SEATED from left: [illegible] Philippine Stock Exchange

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For info, please call the Entrepreneur of the Year secretariat at 891-0307 local 7764 or e-mail at eoy.info@ph.ey.com.

## SM helps PWDs reach the sky



FRONTLINER [illegible] (center), head of SM Cares Program on Disability Affairs, with the Canon A-Team photographers

THE SM Cares Program on Disability Affairs recently helped 40 children with special needs to reach the sky aboard an aircraft in Angeles City Woodland Airpark, Magalang Pampanga with its "Photography With A Difference: Reach for the Sky Part 2".

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The SM Cares Program on Disability Affairs help customers with special needs to make their shopping experience easier, friendlier and more enjoyable at all SM Supermalls. Through this, SM Supermalls have earned the distinction of being the most PWD-friendly malls in the country.

## Sun Business supports assembly of supply management professionals





AT A recent PISM meeting are, from left: [illegible]

AS A renowned communications partner of businesses small and large, Sun Business extended its support to Philippine Institute for Supply Management (PISM) particularly during their recent general assembly.

The PISM is an organization of supply management practitioners dedicated to the vital processes of logistics, demand and replenishment and customer service of various companies across the country. As a network of industry leaders, PISM conducts regular assemblies to open discussions on industrial issues, current economic conditions and solutions to common operational concerns.

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For more information on the corporate solutions of Sun Business, call the Sun Business 24/7 hotline at 395-8000 [illegible] or visit their website at www.sunbusiness.com.ph.

Sun Cellular, the market brand of Sun Business, is a member of the PLDT Group.





### McDonald's Philippines employs over 3,600 students under SPES in partnership with DOLE

MCDONALD'S Philippines recently made official its partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment in employing over 3,600 students and out-of-school youth through the Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES). [illegible]

## World class training at Center For Pop Music PH

FILIPINOS are known to be among the best singers worldwide—and this is something that the country's citizens should be proud of.

[illegible]

Center For Pop Music Philippines can be reached at [illegible].

## Bits & Clips

### Overboard bags keep your stuff dry—even under water

SUMMER is here and so are vacation trips. [illegible]



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BUSINESS



# Foreign groups in talks with local power firms

## Potential joint ventures in natural gas project

By Amy R. Remo

SEVERAL foreign investors are starting to hold initial talks with local power-generation companies and industrial players for the possible supply of natural gas, making more concrete their intentions to invest in the Philippine natural gas industry.

"Contracting for liquefied natural gas (LNG) supply is on a long-term basis. They want to start talking to potential buyers even as early as now. So far, [some] suppliers are already talking to some of the local players," said Energy Undersecretary Jose M. Layug Jr.

In particular, the interested foreign firms would have to talk with members of the value chain, including distribution utilities like Manila Electric Co., the owners of power-generation companies and even industrial customers, whose demand alone was initially estimated to reach 600 megawatts, Layug said.

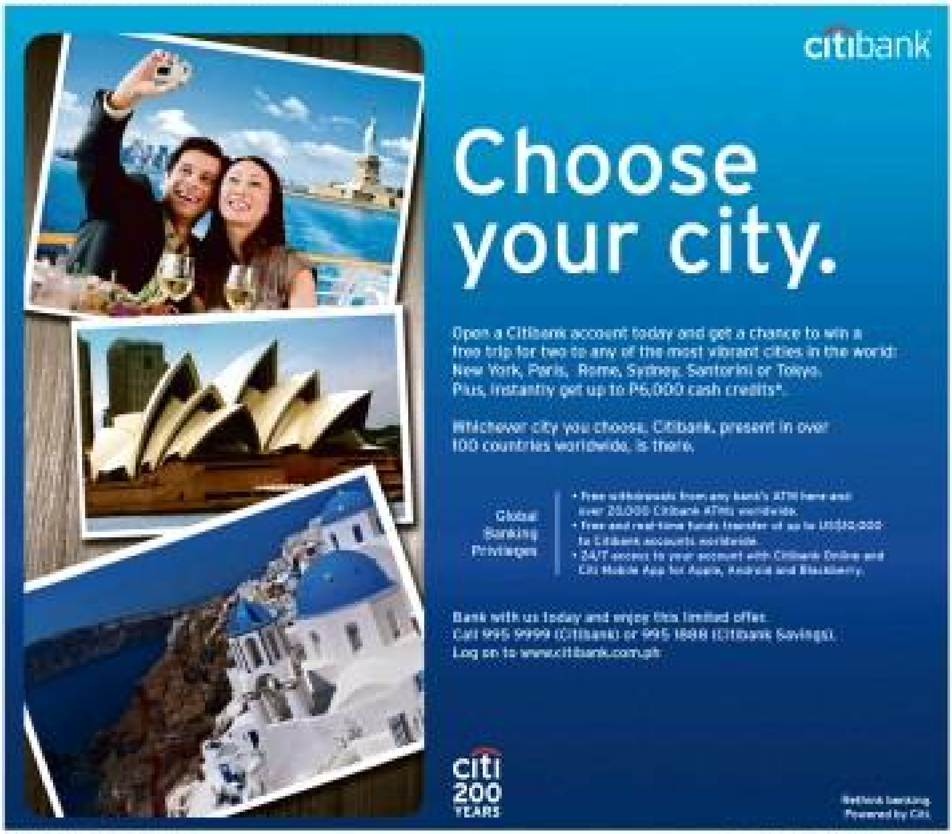
Layug explained that this was a timing strategy on the part of the foreign companies, which recently sought clearer directions from the Department of Energy as to whether or not the government would still push through with the proposed $2.1-billion Batangas-Manila (BatMan 1) natural gas pipeline project.

The energy official identified the big-ticket players as Mitsubishi and Mitsui Co. Ltd., South Korea's Kogas, AGI LNG Gas of Canada, Australia's First Pacific Capital and Energy World, China's ENN Energy Holdings, Hong Kong-based Sinergy International, as well as SK Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd., Brun-

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# Robinsons Land chooses Capiz as site of 8th mall

## Project completion seen in third quarter of 2013

# SM unit to issue fixed-rate bonds

# Potential joint ventures in natural gas project

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# Microinsurance sector in PH lauded

## Insurance firms adopt novel ways to reach poor





















# FOTON Opens Four New Dealerships

United Asia Automotive Group, Inc. (UAAGI) the exclusive distributor of FOTON commercial vehicles in the Philippines, continues to expand through its four new dealerships: 1. Plaridel, Bulacan 2. Batangas City, Batangas 3. San Pablo, Laguna 4. Legazpi, Albay.






FOTON offers a complete product range of commercial vehicles from pick-ups, vans, light and heavy duty trucks to heavy equipment and construction machineries at affordable prices and flexible financing schemes.

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# Business



# Agus-Pulangi rehab to cost at least ₱30B

## Repair to raise hydro output to 982MW

By Amy R. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT may have to spend as much as P30 billion to rehabilitate the Agus-Pulangi hydropower complexes in Mindanao and increase the output to a maximum of 982 megawatts.

In an interview, Energy Secretary Jose Rene D. Almendras said the amount would be used to replace old equipments as well as improve the impounding capacity of the dams.

This will raise the generating capacity of the power complex from the current 646 MW to the installed capacity of 982 MW.

Based on the pronouncements made by President Aquino during the Mindanao power summit last Friday, however, the government has only committed a P3.6 billion budget for the rehabilitation of the Agus 6 hydroelectric plant and another P7.21 billion for the rehabilitation of river banks to allow water to flow to the Agus and Pulangi facilities.

The repair and rehabilitation of the power units at the hydropower complexes can no longer be put off considering the age of the units.

Agus 6, the first of the six Agus units, was constructed back in 1953, while the newest of the power plants, Agus 1, began operating in 1992.

The Pulangi hydropower plant in Bukidnon, meanwhile, began operating commercially in 1985.

The Agus-Pulangi hydropower complex currently provides a little over half or 53 percent of Mindanao's electricity requirements, which makes it all the more pressing for the government to proceed with the rehabilitation program—meaning that it would not be selling the facilities to the private sector.

BUSINESS Monday



# Government may be corrupt, so why pay tax?

FOR "HANDS-ON" entrepreneurs, April 15 comes as a day of panic as they rush to complete the important work needed to file their income taxes. Those who have more people at their command will ask their accountants to do the filing for them.

Every year taxpayers are urged to scrutinize their disclosures and ensure that they pay the correct amount of taxes.

Here are some of the most common excuses that some people in business make when confronted with the April 15 deadline (April 16 this year since the normal deadline falls on a Sunday), and the arguments debunking them.

**The government is corrupt, so why pay tax?**

Whether one likes it or not, the state can and will always collect taxes from its citizens. It's the way it is.

Death and taxes, as they say. Being the citizen of a state entails the obligation to pay one's taxes, and the government is obligated to go after tax evaders, so it is better to be safe than sorry.

A corrupt government does not lose authority over its citizens any more than a poor parent over her children.

**I don't see where my taxes go.**

Although the long-term benefits of taxes paid are not immediately realized, one thing is for certain. They provide the government the money needed to spend on public services. More taxes mean more roads, bridges, schools, hospitals and continued funding.

Improved public infrastructure will mean more economic activity which leads to more jobs, more businesses and, in the long run, economic progress.

You may not be aware of how many people have benefited from your taxes, but you yourself may have benefited from them. How many times have you visited a public hospital, sought the aid of a traffic enforcer, strolled in a public park, or used asphalted roads?

**My business is only small.**

First question: how small is small?

Under the Barangay Micro Business Enterprise Law (Republic Act No. 9178), an-

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# Cheap tablet aims to pull disconnected Pinoys online

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban



### Froyo operating system

### Stylus equipped



# Smartphone without compromise

### Fastest camera

### Car Mode



### Media Link

### HTC One V

# The problem is our moral code

MAPping the Future



Wilson P. Ng

# Government may be corrupt, so why pay tax?

### Consequences

The state can—and will—always collect taxes from its citizens. It's the way it is.

### Real entrepreneurs will always find ways

# JP Morgan Chase and Habitat distribute shelter kits

# Makati engineer turns back job







# The Business of Baking

## Bakers' Fair gears up for the tech generation through PLDT SME Nation's Branch Link service

**Bakers' Fair provides freshly baked breads and cakes for consumer and institutional needs. The family-owned business started way back in 1965 and continues to grow even after four decades. Today, the company is facing business expansion, which means learning to delegate the management tasks to the branch supervisors. "It is never easy to duplicate the business when the owner isn't there," says owner Christopher Ong.**



Bakers' Fair & Foodmart, Inc. started in 1965 as a small bakery in downtown Metro Manila. It has now grown to a multi-branch business offering freshly baked goods to the Filipino public.



Baker's Fair Owner Christopher Ong flanked by PLDT SME Nation's Business Head and Area Sales Head.

**The Scenario:**
Although opening more stores gave the advantage of dealing with more cash sales, it is also prone to other challenges.

**The Technology:**
PLDT SME Nation's Branch Link is a type of private data connectivity used to connect the computer systems of remote branches. It can link computers and servers and for retailers, POS systems.

**The Impact:**
- Point of Sale (POS) cash registers were installed together with the use of PLDT Branch Link technology, to address problems of shoplifting and theft, and ensure better communication and information gathering.
- PLDT's Branch Link helped speed up timekeeping for payroll, using a biometric (fingerprint) device for faster pickup of data and processing.

**PLDT Branch Link features:**
**Private network.** The data are secured from hacking and only the customer can access his own PLDT Branch Link connection. It does not pass thru the Internet, which is a public network, keeping your confidential information highly secured.

**High bandwidth.** The PLDT Branch Link packages range from 64kbps or faster – ensuring that the data is transmitted "real time." Whether your connection is wired or wireless, you are ensured that available branches stay connected.



Monitoring daily sales has become easier and more convenient with PLDT SME Nation's Branch Link service.



PLDT's Branch Link service connects Bakers' Fair branches and POS machines, consolidating sales and inventory reports to the head office.

# BUSINESS Monday

# Makati engineer turns back job to raise carabaos



BATHING the dairy carabaos daily is a must activity for dairy raiser Jaime Ramos.

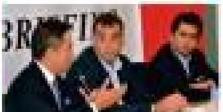
Text and photos by Anselmo Roque
Inquirer Central Luzon



Executive's income











# Business

# ADB urges PH to address income inequality

## Growing disparity a threat to Asia's growth, says lender

By Michelle V. Remo






# Napocor may raise rates to fund SPUG projects

## Yearly increase in UCME over the next 5 years seen

## Maybank ATRKE profit up 6% to ₱324M in '11

## Loose in translation

BREAKTIME



Conrado R. Banal III

## Research group upbeat on JG Summit

# Meralco expanding prepaid electricity scheme pilot testing

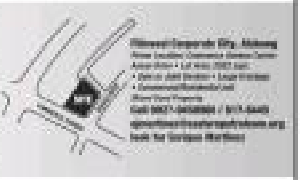
# Ayala subsidiary going into mass production of solar panels

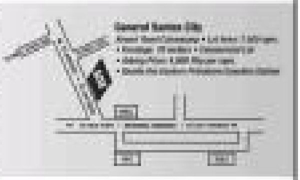
# Recovery of export sector to boost GDP growth

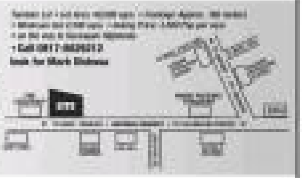
## 14.6% rise in Feb shipments way above DBS forecast of 3.5%

# PAL launches new marketing tack





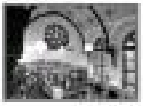






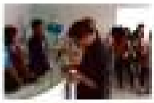
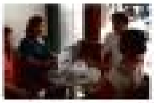













# BUSINESS

## IMF funds drive caught in global power shift; key meeting set



## Spain seen testing anew jittery investors' nerves

### All eyes on IMF meet, income reports, debt market



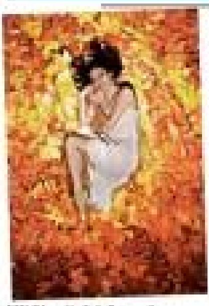



## Ocampo ends World Bank bid

Editor: Thelma Sioson San Juan · Arts and Books Editor: Lito B. Zulueta

# LIFESTYLE Arts & Books





SCENE from "La Bella Durmiente"

# David Campos ballet takes Manila by *storm*

## The Spanish ballet company reinvents 'Sleeping Beauty' and 'Giselle'



By [illegible]
Contributor

DAVID Campos, Spanish-Catalan choreographer, and Irene [illegible], Filipina partner and codirector of their exceptional company, descended into the local dance world, and transformed dance idiom into a new language, fusing the classics with the spirit and passion of the contemporary artist.

In the "Sleeping Beauty," David Campos unveils what would only exist in dreams, marrying fiction with present-day reality and beyond.

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# Backstage with David Campos







DAVID Campos: "Choreography is emotional."

# David Campos ballet takes Manila by storm



DAVID Campos in "Giselle"





JESUS Pastor and Aileen Gallinera in "Giselle"

# Instituto Cervantes holds Dia del Libro April 21



THE FIRST 200 people at Instituto Cervantes will receive a book and



Twitter story contest





SCENES from previous editions of Dia Internacional del Libro

# Backstage with David Campos



# BABY'S DAY OUT WITH BABY COMPANY



These Disney Baby strollers grow with baby, converting from pram to pushchair mode. It also adjusts from forward- to parent-facing to provide contact between you and baby. Available in Minnie Mouse, Mickey Mouse and Winnie the Pooh designs.

With the whole family in a summer vacation mode, traveling with baby should be a great bonding experience. The key to a fun, stress-free trip is to be prepared and ready with all of baby's care essentials. Here, Baby Company, the Baby Specialist shares some practical packing tips for baby's day out.

- Have a compact and lightweight, yet safe and sturdy stroller that can be easily folded and stowed. A baby carrier is also another convenient option to keep your hands free.
- Stock your bag with plenty of suitable diapers, the more the better. It's also good to keep a changing pad, rash cream and hand sanitizer or antibacterial wash handy.
- Baby wipes are travel must-haves for wiping and cleaning baby as well as blotting stains and spills.
- Bring extra baby food, milk, water and at least three bottles or sippy cups so baby won't be hungry on the go. Also bring bibs and burp cloths for cleaning spit up and other spills.
- Toys are travel must-haves to keep baby happy, calm and preoccupied. Bring ones that can be easily attached to the car seat or stroller to prevent baby from losing his favorite toys.
- Be prepared for baby spills and nappy accidents with extra clothes to keep baby clean and fresh. Bring a cap and sweater to offer warmth and protection in air conditioning, or for a cooler climate outdoors, especially at night.

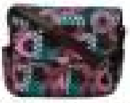
For more travel essentials, be sure to visit Baby Company located in all SM Department Stores and at specialty stores at The Podium, Power Plant Mall, The Annex at SM City North EDSA, SM Southmall and SM City Cebu. Also visit our website at www.babycompany.com.ph and find us on Facebook.



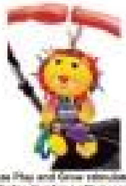
This Ergo Sport Baby Carrier features an ergonomic design that supports the correct sitting position for baby's hip, pelvis and spinal development.



Mom's other IT bag, Just One You made by Carter's Off We Go Diaper Bag with front pockets for easy-access storage, adjustable double tote handles and magnetic flap closure.



Carter's Easy Access Diaper Bag with zippered pocket, adjustable shoulder strap, stroller loops, changing pad, accessory pouch.



Lamaze Play and Grow stimulates vision, helps develop auditory senses and refines motor skills.



This Activity Pal hanging toy easily attaches to strollers. It features squeaker and crinkle sounds, a rattle ball, color ring and teether.



2-pack baby bibs with cute duck and giraffe designs.



Mamypoko Power Slim Diaper is made with cottony soft material to prevent irritation. It also has an absorbency blocking gel, soft re-stickable tape and leak guards.

# LIFESTYLE Arts&Books



# Raul Isidro's 'Senakulo' to open at Crucible

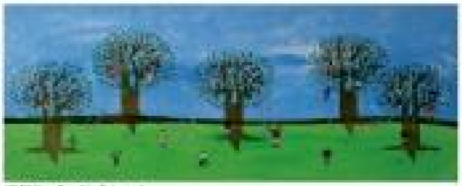


## Ed Arcilla at Ricco Renzo



"THE PRINCESS

# Filipino artists Yveese Belen and Malcolm Mendones featured in UK exhibit



"PACK Your Own," by Belen and



ARTISTS Yveese Belen and Malcolm Mendones



# Reybert Ramos holds first solo at Stephanie



"COOL Dog"



"BULLDOG"



# Kids Ahoy workshops start April 17

# Art Nouveau at De las Islas

## VISUAL ARTS



### Tocson at Blanc

### Junior museum guide workshop at Vargas



### 'Naked Truth' at Anna

### Salvatus at Ateneo



### Jigger Cruz at Secret Fresh

### Balisi, Tabije at Artinformal

### Enchanted Kingdom, Faber Castell hold summer art workshops

# National Artist Imao featured in 'Triangulo'

By Junie de los Reyes
Contributor

NATIONAL Artist Abdulmari Asia Imao, multifaceted artist Claude Tayag and sculptor Juan Sajid Imao, three artists from three different generations come together in a special exhibit titled "Triangulo."

The exhibition showcases diverse styles and materials united by the sculptors' common passion for artistic excellence.

National Artist Imao proudly shows his famous okkil and sarimanok designs in acrylic paintings as well as selected sculptures. Tayag continues his playful explorations in wood with his functional sculptures. The youngest Imao conveys his personal experiences with the local sculptures in hammered brass treated with patina and paint.

The works of Abdulmari Imao in this exhibit shall be included in his upcoming coffee-table book that shall feature him as the first Muslim to be honored as National Artist in 2006.

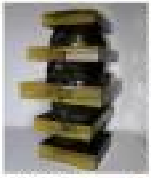
The exhibit is ongoing at The Gallery, [illegible] Greenbelt 5, [illegible] Makati City.

"Triangulo" is organized by Art Gallery Philippines in cooperation with [illegible]

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"SARIMANOK," by Abdulmari Asia Imao



"INFLUWENSYA," by Juan Sajid Imao



"POLE Dancer," by Claude Tayag

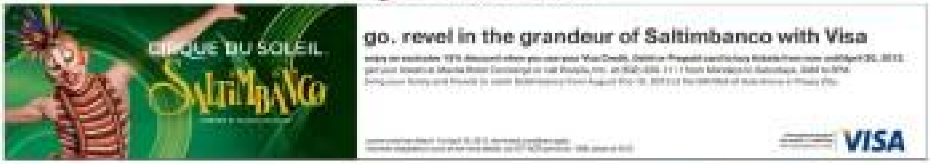
## *Creative readings at Ateneo*

THE FILIPINO Department of Ateneo de Manila University, in cooperation with [illegible] the official literary publication of Ateneo, is holding [illegible] reading of Ateneo alumni [illegible] on Friday, April 20, 3 p.m., [illegible] Ateneo de Manila University.

This poetry reading features the works of [illegible]

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# Nicholas Sparks' novel 'The Lucky One' gets film treatment









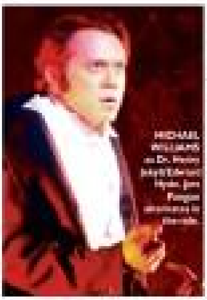

# LIFESTYLE Arts & Books

# Thanks to Aegis—no, really—a 'Jekyll and Hyde' that works

Rep's taut, surprisingly tender production, directed by Mencha Lauchengco-Yulo, sidesteps camp

By Gibbs Cadiz

IT'S ONLY a ponytail that separates man from beast in 'Jekyll and Hyde,'" were the opening line of Ben Brantley's blistering review for the New York Times of the Frank Wildhorn-Leslie Bricusse musical when it opened on Broadway in April 1997.



MICHAEL WILLIAMS as Dr. Henry Jekyll/Edward Hyde

### Ready pug

# Opera Haus now open for everyone; summer workshops offered





By Walter Ang



REHEARSAL hall



RECEPTION area

### Something for everyone

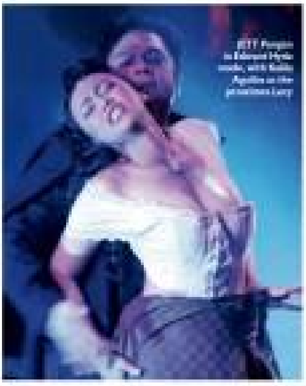
### Funding

### Fun

# Thanks to Aegis–no, really–a 'Jekyll and Hyde' that works







### Becoming work

### Conventional prettiness

### Scaling back

### Unshowy reading

### Valuable lot



THE "Bring On the Men" number



REP's "Jekyll and Hyde" runs until April 22 at Greenbelt 1, Makati City

# Max's Creates Barkada Bonding Moments with 4Sharing Meals

If there are two things that young Filipinos love to share, it will be food and bonding moments with their friends. This is what homegrown fast casual dining restaurant Max's brings to the table with its latest group meal offering, "4Sharing Meals." Max's new campaign seeks to create unique and memorable experiences for diners, regardless of their age, gender and lifestyle.

"Max's 4Sharing Campaign is about understanding and responding to the needs of our customers, whether they are groups of teenagers hanging out together, young professionals meeting up for lunch, or seasoned Max's customers craving for their favorite comfort dishes. With Max's new offering, they get the best of everything – delectable dishes that are signature to Max's and the most budget-friendly price, so they can enjoy and share these meals to their heart's content," enthused Edgar Allan Caper, Marketing Director for Max's Restaurant.



# Instituto Cervantes shows Venezuelan film cycle




"VENEZZIA," "Habana Eva" and "Postcards from Leningrad"



## Registration for Bayanihan choreography tilt extended

## 12th Iyas Creative Writing Workshop fellows named

# ENTERTAINMENT

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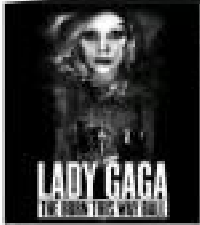




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# Aiko Melendez, Patrick Meneses continue to trade barbs



EBR Photo




### Amalia's soft heart



AGA Muhlach

### K-Pop stars do drama



AIKO Melendez




# Luis on Jennylyn, Twitter, 'Moron 5'

TAKE FIVE

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# ENTERTAINMENT



# Bitoy, Ogie not worried about GMA 7-TV5 rumor

## Comic duo remain focused on work





### New show

### Perfect fit



## Change of the gender guard in show biz

VIEWFINDER

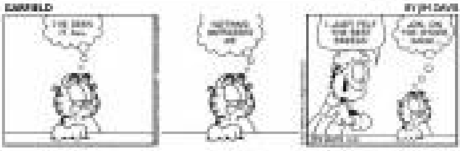


Nestor U. Torre

### Once upon a female

# ComicRelief



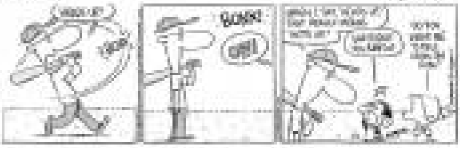












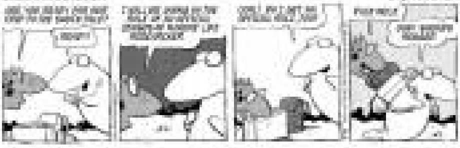




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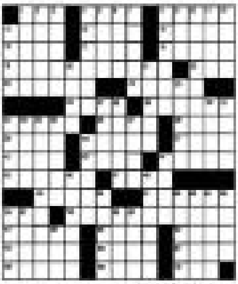



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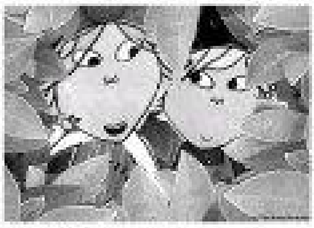
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



# 'Around the World in 80 Ways' and a Chaplin special



### A Chaplin birthday



### Discovery Kids

### 'Charlie and Lola'

### 'Deadly Sins'

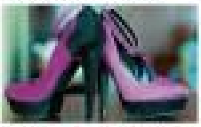
### British invasion

### Messing on 'Smash'



# Julia Montes a proud homeowner at age 17







OUT OF THE CLOSET

AT 17, JULIA Montes is the proud owner of a new two-story house in Antipolo City. She never expected to be able to buy her own house at such a young age. And she's excited to sleep in a bedroom of her own!

### Accessories

### Books

### Gadgets

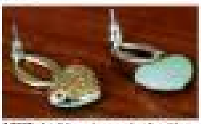
### Scents

### Shoes

### Makeup











### Clothes

### Bag

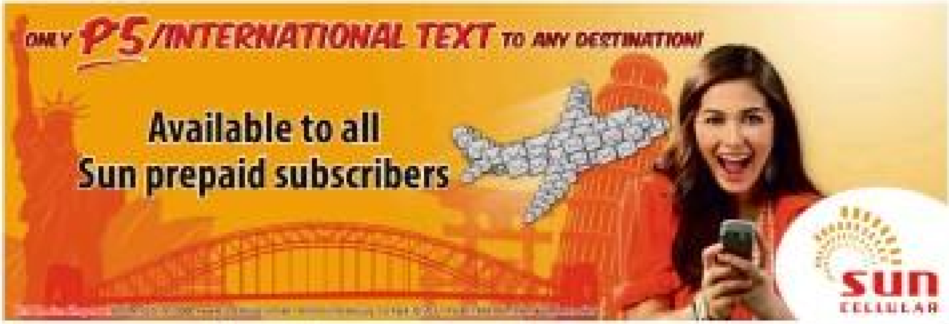
### Toys

# LEARNING

Editor Chelo Banal-Formoso

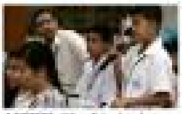
**April 27 deadline**

E-MAIL entries to the My Dream Interview contest ... April 27. For contest mechanics and all required forms, log on to www.inquirer.com.ph.






AN OFFICER and a gentleman ...





A SISTER of Mary School student holds his question (above), autograph session with Querubin (right)

# For 1st interview workshop, Inquirer sends in a Marine







By Linda B. Bolido

THE ALMOST 100 kids who attended the Art of the Interview workshop given by Inquirer in Education (IIE) last week found out a real action hero could very well be their dream interviewee.

[illegible]



THIS student asks, "Who were your idols?"



COL. ARIEL Querubin

[illegible]



# Playgrounds for the MIND

# *Tsinelas* as important as computers for schoolchildren in remote areas

RUBBER flip-flops or tsinelas and computers may not have anything to do with one another at first glance. But for school children of Jose Gonzales Elementary School (JGES) in Barangay Bagong in Sablan, Benguet, items like these that most of us take for granted mean a world of access to them.

## HONOR ROLL

### University of Makati tops this year's ALCU Olympics

### FEATI garners honors in first ever Corporate Games Manila 2012

### Miriam alumni schedules golf tournament

## St. Paul Manila family goes on centennial tour

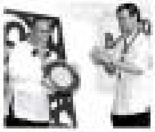
## UE CLaw offers seminar on essay type Bar exam questions

## SPORTS

### UP continues to dominate Stock X Challenge

### OLFU team competes in Tourism Olympics

### TIP Choral Society bags awards in Musikahan sa Tagum



## Member Schools

# Software for autistic students will compete in global contest




# UE inaugurates PH's first and only school of prosthetics and orthotics



## WELCOME, SUMMER!

## Writing lab for teens

## Math, English enrichment



# Math Challenge national finalists named

## Feeding programs to check malnutrition at schools





## Seminar on family business April 20-21

## First phase of Principal's Institute program set

# Lyceum fetes outstanding alumni

ISAGANI Yambot, the late publisher of the Inquirer, was honored recently as one of the Outstanding Diamond Jubilee Alumni of Lyceum of the Philippines (LPU).



THE AWARDEES all with LPU chair Lorna Laurel, LPU Manila president Roberto Laurel and LPU Batangas-Laguna president Peter Laurel

## Father's guidance

## For country and people

# The spirit of ICA



## Curricular reform

## She loved



SISTER Teresita Castro



## LIGHT FOR ECOVILLE CAMPAIGN